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TO: Foreign Patent Sub-Committee DATE: 31 January 1983

FROM: G. Inskeep

SUBJECT: CASES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FOREIGN FILING

Decisions regarding the filing of these cases should be made by March 15, 1983.

Case I - PM 944

SMOKING COMPOSITIONS

USSN 373901 filed 3 May 1982; no US Action to date

Inventors - E. Southwick and H. Grubbs

Abstract - In one of its embodiments this invention provides a smoking composition which contains a novel type of flavorant additive as exemplified by polymerized ethyl 2-propenyl 2-(2-butyl)malonate.

Projected Value of the Invention - Pyrolysis products of these polymers will be primarily monobasic esters which can impart a desirable flavor note to smoke. It is a means of fixing these esters, but not an inexpensive one.

Related Patents and Applications - Our earlier polymeric flavor-release cases, the most recent probably being for carboxylic acid release: US 4,171,702 (Grubbs), filed in 8 countries.

Recommendation - No foreign filing.

Recommendations of Committee Member - ok subject to P.M.E.'s response.

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Case II - PM 1039

PROCESS FOR INCREASING THE FILLING POWER OF TOBACCO

USSN 395473 filed 6 July 1982; no US Action to date

Inventors - J. Banyasz et al.

Abstract - The present invention relates to a process for increasing the filling power of tobacco which comprises heating the tobacco at elevated temperature while maintaining the OV and SV values of the tobacco substantially constant. Preferably, the tobacco is heated at a temperature of at least about 80°C. in a closed system for a time sufficient to increase the CV value of the tobacco.

Projected Value of the Invention - This process is less effective than the better expansion processes but requires less complex equipment and could be useful in less developed countries. It is emerging as an important part of the total process for treating tobacco with ammonia.

Related Patents and Applications - All expansion and stiffening cases. In particular US 4,333,482 (Banyasz, stiffening reconstituted); USSN 294,814 and 368,873 (WET etc.).

Recommendation - We suggest filing at least in Australia, Canada, and EPO designating Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the U.K. Suggestions for other countries would be welcome.

Recommendations of Committee Member -

Can it be policed?

No filing, if the invention is not practical for developing countries.

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Case III - PM 1096

CIGARETTE

USSN 401380 filed 23 July 1982; no US Action to date

Inventors - R. Newsome, R. Thesing, W. Houck, and W. Nichols

Abstract - A cigarette is provided which comprises a tobacco rod, and an integral axially aligned substantially cylindrical assembly at the mouth end of the cigarette which preferably includes a wrapped cylindrical filter plug and tipping paper, and which is provided with means to adjust the air dilution value of the cigarette. The assembly has first and second ends, which are open to permit the passage of air and smoke, and at least two openings in addition to the open ends. Means are provided for rotating one opening relative to the other so that the openings are in varying degrees of registry to permit varying amounts of air to combine with and dilute the smoke.

The Invention - This is one of 5 different versions of the "DIAL-A-TAR" cigarettes, and perhaps one of the more important ones.

Projected Value of the Invention - This cigarette is unique. It promises to be a really different product for presentation in the marketplace. The variable dilution is seen as a very good "handle" for advertising purposes.

Related Patents and Applications - USSN 429,392; 429,393; 429,394; and 429,354.

Recommendation - It is possible that for some or all foreign filings the 5 cases could be combined. We recommend filing in the more sophisticated countries: Australia, Canada, and via EPO in Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the U.K. Japan is a possibility.

Recommendations of Committee Member -

as recommended

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Case IV - PM 857

LENS MOUNT

USSN 404349 filed 30 July 1982; no US Action to date

Inventors - E. Grollimund

Abstract - A precisely-adjustable lens mount is disclosed, comprising a lens holder having threads on a portion of its surface and a support for the lens holder, having a threaded portion threadedly engaging the lens holder threads. The threaded portion of either the lens holder or the support includes at least a portion that is resilient in a direction away from the threaded portion of the other, to allow the threads of the support and of the lens holder to engage each other with preloading to prevent the lens from shifting from its desired location.

Projected Value of the Invention - This is a useful but not essential adjunct to the laser perforating system.

Related Patents and Applications - Laser perforating cases: USSN 317,058; 350,275; 286,635 and related cases.

Recommendation - Engineering suggests no foreign filing. We concur. One question, however, is whether this would be useful in other arts such as photography.

Recommendations of Committee Member -

I agree

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(PM 984)

Case V - PM 984

You are reminded of Case IV from August 23 Recommendations which was actually filed June 25, 1982 (Art Palmer's memos of December 23 and January 4).

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